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HAESOO,
YOU SMOKE?

ME TOO
I LOVE YOU
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GO OUT OF MY WAY?
I'M JUST SORRY I'M NOT ABLE TO DO MORE FOR YOU
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SUCH AN UNDER-STANDING BOY
HOWEVER I LOOK AT IT,
I THINK I'M CHEATING.
HEY,
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANNA PLAY GAMES WITH ME?

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T GRIND OTHER PEOPLE INTO OUR HOME?
OH, I'M NOT TELLING YOU NOT TO!
A FRIEND OF MINE CAME BY TO HANG OUT. GUESS HE LEFT IT HERE
WHAT'S THIS LIGHTER DOING HERE?
YEAH?
SMOOCH
SORRY.
I'LL HAVE FRIDAY NIGHT FOR YOU, INSTEAD LET'S AT LEAST EAT OUT WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN A WHILE
IT'D BE NICE TO DRIVE TO THE SUBURBS AND SPEND THE NIGHT THERE
YOU THINK THAT'S GONNA BE OKAY?
DON'T GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TOO MUCH FOR ME
WEREN'T YOU GONNA SLEEP OVER?
I WANT TO, BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN TONIGHT BECAUSE OF MY WIFE
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S JUST THAT SHE'S BECOME MORE SENSITIVE LATELY, BUT SHE JUST WON'T STOP NAGGING LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO KISS UP TO HER A BIT

PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU!
I'LL BE THE FIRST THING HE'LL THROW OUT THE DOOR IF HE FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS
NO!
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM. WHAT'S THAT GOTTA DO WITH ME?!
LET GO OF MY LEG
PLUS, I DON'T WANNA QUIT SCHOOL
GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE! I'M AN ORPHAN I HAVE NO WHERE TO GO IF I GET KICKED OUTTA HERE
——!!
WHA— WHAT THE— I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO THAT!
I CAN'T LET YOU OFF THE HOOK FOR THIS, JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE

ONCE HE TOOK ENOUGH PICTURES OF ME
HE APPROACHED ME AND BEGAN ASKING FOR MONEY
THIS MUST BE THE STANDARD OF HOW THESE PEOPLE RUN THEIR BUSINESS.
PLEASE GIVE ME JUST ONE MORE WEEK
IT'S SUCH A BIG AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IT'S HARD TO GET ALL OF IT AT ONCE
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA HAVE IT BY TODAY, NO MATTER WHAT?
AND WHAT IS THIS? THIS AIN'T EVEN HALF!
MORE ACCURATELY HE'S MY LOVER
THIS GUY WORKS FOR A MESSENGER SERVICE COMPANY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO DO ANYTHING FOR YOU IF YOU PAY FOR THE JOB
ACCORDING TO HIM, HE'S BEEN TAKING PICTURES OF ME FOR SOME TIME AS A CLIENT'S REQUEST
GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME!
THAT'S WHEN I THOUGHT MY WARNINGS WERE GOING THROUGH YOUR THICK HEAD!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO? YOU PROMISED YOU'D SORT THIS THING OUT WITH ME
ONE MORE WEEK, ONE MORE WEEK
YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES YOU SAID THAT ALREADY?
DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A JOKE TO YOU? STOP SAYING THAT SHIT! I CAN'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT ANYMORE!!

SHIT!
KWHAM
IF YOU DON'T COME THROUGH AGAIN THIS TIME, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THIS GUY OR LADY--WHICHEVER ONE-- UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION KEEP THAT IN MIND
LIGHTER.
HE LEFT IT HERE AGAIN
THE TRUTH IS
IT'S NOT REALLY HARD FOR ME TO GET THAT MUCH MONEY
I AM JUST ENJOYING THE THRILL OF THIS LITTLE SITUATION TO KILL THE BOREDOM OF MY MUNDANE LIFE.

DAMN IT.
RRR.
RRR.
YUP, THIS IS HE.
NO
ACTUALLY, UM...
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS.
YOU GOT EXACTLY ONE WEEK.
I'M REALLY NOT GONNA LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT ANY MORE AFTER THAT.
YES, I APOLOGIZE.
PBT
OKAY.
YES.

HE'S FUN, 'CAUSE HE'S SO EASY TO CONTROL.
CHUP
IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN DATING A MARRIED MAN WITH A KID
I DON'T LIVE UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT MAYBE HE WILL ABANDON HIS FAMILY AND CHOOSE TO LIVE WITH ME SOMEDAY
FWIPP
CEASELESSLY BURNING AWAY THE HIGHEST PEAK OF ITS DAYS
MY DEVIATED AND DISTORTED YOUTH

IS SOON

GOING TO GREET
ITS 22ND
BIRTHDAY

"K" UNIVERSITY'S HOT CHICKS ARE COMING TOO
WE'RE GOING OVER TO HEEWON'S TO DRINK WANNA COME WITH?
GOT INVITED TO A DINNER
I'LL PASS
SERIOUSLY, YOU CUT CLASSES LIKE MAD
YOU BET YOUR ASS
HAESOO SHIN
IT'S BEEN A REAL WHILE, MAN
BEEP!
KEEP THAT UP, AND YOU'LL REGRET IT WHEN YOU BECOME A REJECT
SHEESH, YOU ALWAYS PLAY HARD TO BET
CUT ME SOME SLACK, WILL YA? I REALLY HAVE TO MEET SOMEONE
SORRY ?
NO, I'M STILL AT SCHOOL
I WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT TO LEAVE NOW
YUP, HAESOO HERE

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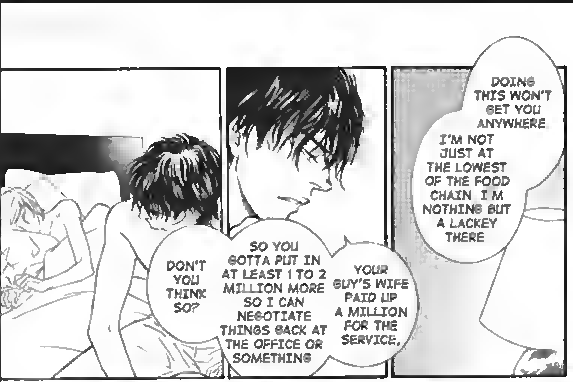
WHERE IS THE GODDAMN LIGHTER?
SHIT
HERE, PUT THIS ON
I SAID I'M FINE!!
DAMN IT--!!
FLIP FLIP
TIK /
WHAT? I DON'T NEED IT.

HIS KID'S STUPID COLD?
DOESN'T THAT GO AWAY IF YOU TAKE SOME VITAMIN C AND HAP?
"I'M SORRY I KEEP BREAKING MY PROMISES, HAESOO"
"WHAT CAN YOU DO. YOUR KID'S SICK. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME."
"THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING."
"I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE TIME FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU."
I SAID NO!
ROAR
WHAT-EVER
DAMN! I CAN'T DO THIS SHIT ANY MORE!
YOU CAN GO A LITTLE EASY ON ME, COME ON.
ACK--. THIS IS DRIVIN' ME CRAZY!
WHY YOU GOTTA BE LIKE THIS, SERIOUSLY?! YOU SO EASY ON ME!!
DON'T YOU KNOW THINGS'LL GET UGLY IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME COMES IN TO HANDLE THIS?
ARE YOU GONNA KEEP DOIN' THIS?
DO YOU THINK I WANT TO DO THIS? EVEN OUR ELECTRICITY'S ON THE VERGE OF GETTING DISCONNECTED. HOW CAN WE PAY YOU BACK IF WE DON'T GET TO RUN OUR BUSINESS?

HAHH
AH.
HHHH

MAYBE I SHOULD SAY TO HELL WITH IT TO THE JOB...
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE TELLIN ME TO GET MYSELF MURDERED
PTOO
HEY,
YOU GOT THE MONEY YET?


DOING THIS WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE
I'M NOT JUST AT THE LOWEST OF THE FOOD CHAIN I'M NOTHING BUT A LACKEY THERE
YOUR GUY'S WIFE PAID UP A MILLION FOR THE SERVICE.
SO YOU GOTTA PUT IN AT LEAST 1 TO 2 MILLION MORE SO I CAN NEGOTIATE THINGS BACK AT THE OFFICE OR SOMETHING
DON'T YOU THINK SO?

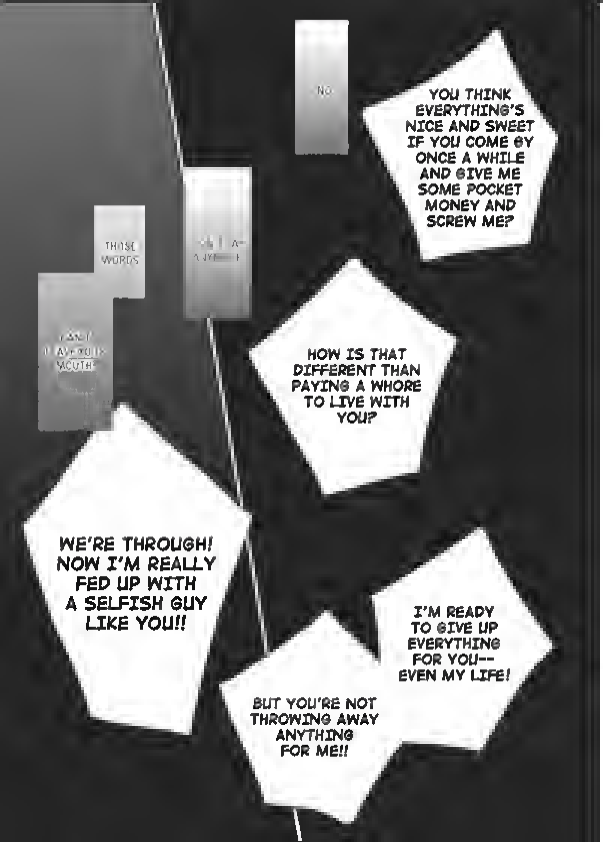
THE SO-CALLED COLLEGE
DO YOU NEED TO GO THERE SO BAD THAT YOU'D SUCK A GUY'S DICK?
CAN'T YOU PAY FOR SCHOOL WORKING A PART-TIME JOB OR SOMETHIN'?
YOU DON'T NEED TO LIVE IN A NICE PLACE LIKE THIS EITHER, DO YOU?
TRUTH IS
I SLEPT WITH GUYS A FEW TIMES FOR MONEY, TOO

1 MILLION WON = APPROXIMATELY 1000 U.S. DOLLARS

I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON ANYMORE
OH NO
DON'T BE SO SERIOUS I'M SAYING!
I FEEL PRETTY BAD WHENEVER I SEE YOU
I GUESS THAT'S WHY
I KNOW TOO WELL WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD ALL ALONE, WITH NOTHIN' TO LEAN AGAINST
WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID, I RAN AWAY FROM AN ORPHANAGE, AND WANDERED AROUND HERE AND THERE
I WAS SO DAMN HUNGRY, BUT I HAD NO MONEY
HA.
WHAT THE HELL AM I TALKIN' ABOUT
WIDELY— N...NO, HOW DOES THE SAYING GO? IT'S "NARROW GATHERED, WIDELY SPENT," RIGHT?
I MEAN, YOU'RE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION THAN ME. I GOT NO EDUCATION, SO I'M DOIN' THIS THUG SHIT FOR A LIVING
IS HE JUST NAIVE OR STUPID?
HE CAN'T TELL THAT I DON'T HAVE MY HEAD SCREWED ON RIGHT JUST BY LOOKING AT THE FACT THAT I, A YOUNG, HEALTHY GUY, AM LIVING AS SOMEONE'S 'MISTRESS' IN A FANCY VILLA?
NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION HE THINKS I'M IN
ANYWAY I SHOULD PAY HIM SOON AND END IT...
HAESOO?

BRR
WHY DON'T YOU PICK UP THE PHONE?
UH,
BRR
BRR
EVEN IF I TAKE THE EXAM AGAIN, I'M NOT SURE HOW HIGH I CAN SCORE ON IT AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC I WANNA STUDY
I'M NOT SURE YET
YOU DON'T MEAN JUST CHANGING YOUR CONCENTRATION? IS THERE ANOTHER SCHOOL YOU HAVE IN MIND?
BRRR
OHH,
IT'S ALRIGHT IT'S MY WIFE
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO MIND IT, YOU COULD LEAVE THE PHONE OFF.
HAESOO?
THIS WINE S PRETTY GOOD MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE ORDERED A BOTTLE? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE?
I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S GROWING SUSPICIOUS OF ME LATELY, BUT SHE S BEEN CALLING A DOZEN TIMES IN A SINGLE DAY
DON'T PAY ANY MIND

SILLY BEAR
LET ME LAUGH WITH YOU IF IT'S SOMETHING FUNNY.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING SO INTENTLY ABOUT?
OH
IT'S NOTHING.
SORRY?
SO, HOW'S SCHOOL GOING?
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO MAJOR IN? YOU NEED TO DO THAT SOON, RIGHT?
I FORGOT TO PUT MY PHONE ON VIBRATE
BRR
BRR
OH, EXCUSE ME
BRRR
IF YOU WERE TO TAKE THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM ALL OVER, IT'S TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR
IS THAT RIGHT?
BECAUSE I THINK I'M NOT REALLY MADE FOR STUDYING
JUST
I'M ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT QUITTING SCHOOL
NOT YET
QUIT SCHOOL? WHY?


NO
YOU THINK EVERYTHING'S NICE AND SWEET IF YOU COME BY ONCE A WHILE AND GIVE ME SOME POCKET MONEY AND SCREW ME?
THOSE WORDS
HOW IS THAT DIFFERENT THAN PAYING A WHORE TO LIVE WITH YOU?
WE'RE THROUGH! NOW I'M REALLY FED UP WITH A SELFISH GUY LIKE YOU!!
I'M READY TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING FOR YOU-- EVEN MY LIFE!
BUT YOU'RE NOT THROWING AWAY ANYTHING FOR ME!!

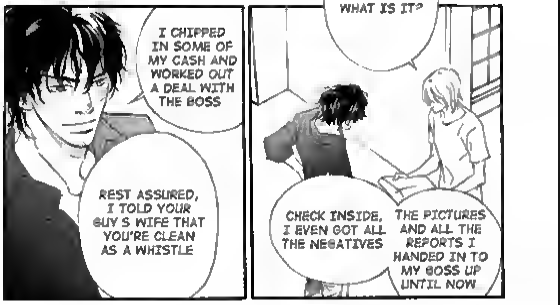
KEEP IT DOWN
WHY ARE YOU BEING THIS WAY ALL OF A SUDDEN? THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
WHAT'S BEING LIKE ME?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU KNOW THAT MY WIFE GOES BERSERK IF I TURN OFF MY PHONE
CAN'T YOU SHOW THAT MUCH CONSIDER-- ATION FOR ME?
YOU COULD DO THAT FOR TODAY! FOR ONE FRIGGIN' DAY!
DID YOU SAY I'M SO UNDERSTANDING? SO YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME?
AND... WHY AREN'T YOU DIVORCING THAT WIFE OF YOURS YOU SAY YOU CAN'T STAND SO MUCH? YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING HER, DO YOU?
I'VE BEEN HOLDING IT ALL IN BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID YOU'D WALK OUT ON ME IF I KEPT GRUMBLING! YOU DIDN'T EVEN PICK UP ON THAT?

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
I HOPE YOUR WIFE FINDS OUT ABOUT YOU CHEATING AND DIVORCES YOU
BEEP
MESSAGE DELETED.
SOB
SOB
SOB
IF YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN TO END THINGS BETWEEN US LIKE THIS LET'S HAVE A TALK.
HAESOO. PICK UP THE PHONE.
SIGH... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I'M SORRY I MADE YOU FEEL BAD. I JUST...
LET'S TALK AGAIN AFTER YOU'VE CLEANED YOUR HEAD OKAY?
R R R R
R R R
BEEP
NOTHING WILL EVER GET HIM TO SAY HE'LL LEAVE HIS FAMILY
SUCH A JERK

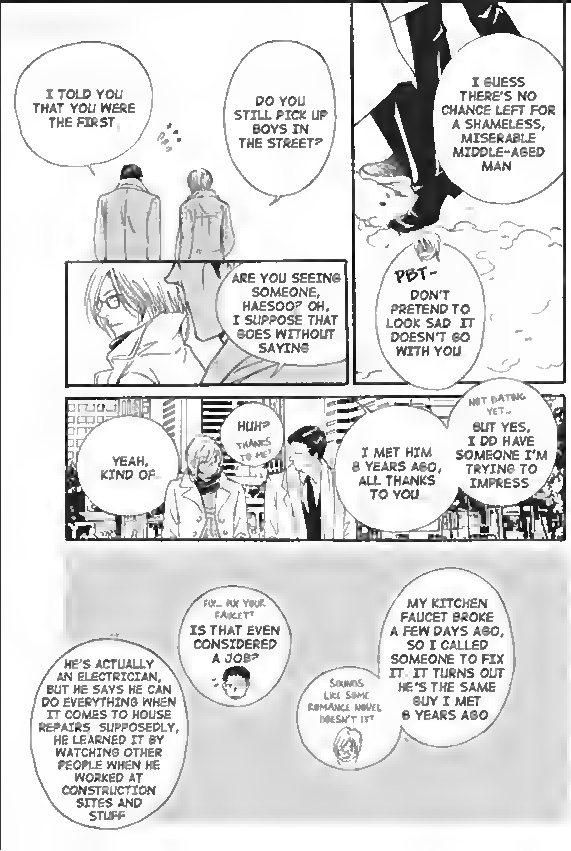
I JUST WANTED TO DO SOMETHIN' GOOD NOW THAT I GOT THE LAST CHANCE TO DO IT
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ALL THANKFUL
I QUIT WORKING THAT JOB
WELL, THEY KINDA BOOTED ME, TOO
YOU GOTTA KEEP WATCHING OUT, THOUGH
SHE'S NO JOKE WHEN IT COMES TO FIGURING OUT WHAT S GOIN' DOWN
WHY ARE YOU

TAKE THIS
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SO I WAS GONNA LEAVE THIS IN YOUR MAIL BOX
HUH? YOU WERE HOME?

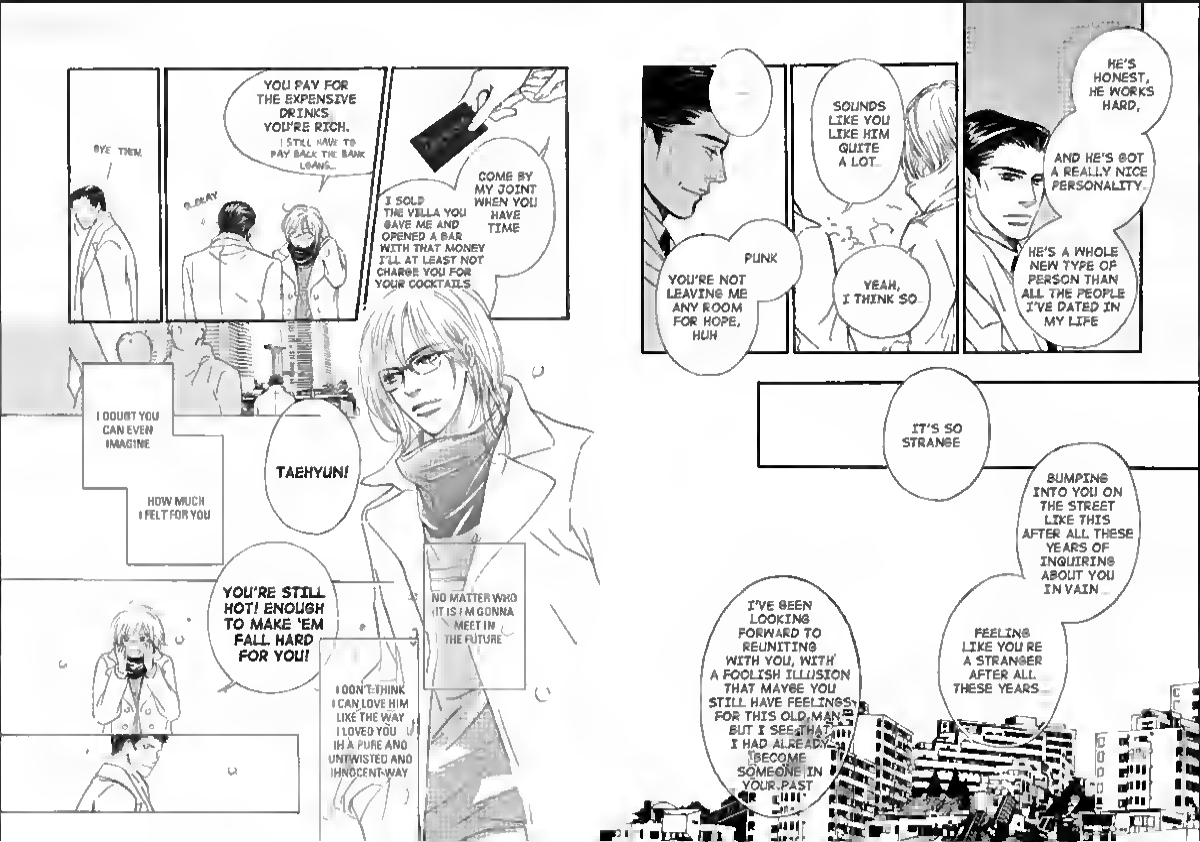
ANYWAY, NOW THAT THINGS TURNED OUT THIS WAY, I GUESS WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AROUND
TAKE CARE MAKE SURE YOU FINISH SCHOOL, TOO
I WASN'T IN SCHOOL MUCH, SO I M GONNA LEARN SOME PROFESSIONAL SKILLS
THERE'S SUPPOSED TO THIS PLACE THAT YOU CAN LEARN FROM FOR FREE

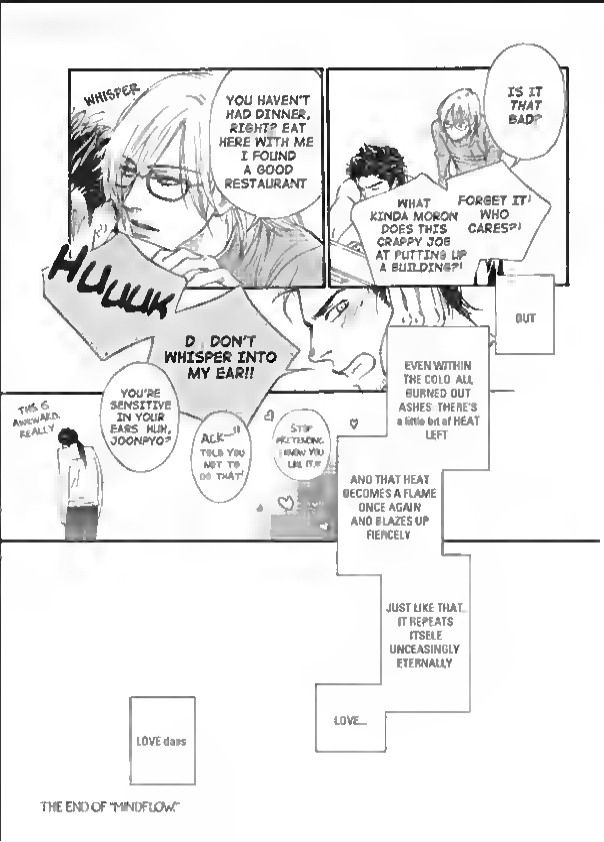

I CHIPPED IN SOME OF MY CASH AND WORKED OUT A DEAL WITH THE BOSS
REST ASSURED, I TOLD YOUR GUY S WIFE THAT YOU'RE CLEAN AS A WHISTLE
WHAT IS IT?
CHECK INSIDE, I EVEN GOT ALL THE NEGATIVES
THE PICTURES AND ALL THE REPORTS I HANDED IN TO MY BOSS UP UNTIL NOW

8 YEARS LATER
SO, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
I HAD NO IDEA MY WIFE HAD BEEN SPYING ON ME
YOU SILLY BEAR
??
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING AND CRYING AT THE SAME TIME?
BWA HA HA HA HA
??
IS HE REALLY AN IDIOT?
EH, YOU CAN TAKE ME OUT IF YOU EVER MAKE IT BIG OR GET POPULAR
YOU KNOW, THAT TV SHOW WHERE PEOPLE COME OUT ON TO LOOK FOR OTHER PEOPLE? IF YOU GO ON THAT SHOW, MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR ME
YOUR NAME'S HAESOO SHIN, RIGHT?
MINE'S JOONPYO KIM DON'T FORGET IT
WHAT'S HE SAYING?
——?
PBT
WHA—? WHAT'S GOIN' ON??


I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE THE FIRST
DO YOU STILL PICK UP BOYS IN THE STREET?
ARE YOU SEEING SOMEONE, HAESOO? OH, I SUPPOSE THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING
I GUESS THERE'S NO CHANCE LEFT FOR A SHAMELESS, MISERABLE MIDDLE-AGED MAN
PBT- DON'T PRETEND TO LOOK SAD IT DOESN'T GO WITH YOU
YEAH, KIND OF
HUH? THANKS TO ME?
I MET HIM 8 YEARS AGO, ALL THANKS TO YOU
NOT DATING YET...
BUT YES, I DO HAVE SOMEONE I'M TRYING TO IMPRESS
HE'S ACTUALLY AN ELECTRICIAN, BUT HE SAYS HE CAN DO EVERYTHING WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSE REPAIRS SUPPOSEDLY, HE LEARNED IT BY WATCHING OTHER PEOPLE WHEN HE WORKED AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AND STUFF
FIX... MY YOUR FAUCET? IS THAT EVEN CONSIDERED A JOB?
SOUNDS LIKE SOME ROMANCE NOVEL DOESN'T IT?
MY KITCHEN FAUCET BROKE A FEW DAYS AGO, SO I CALLED SOMEONE TO FIX IT. IT TURNS OUT HE'S THE SAME GUY I MET 8 YEARS AGO

BUT I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD'VE BEEN USELESS
I REGRETTED NOT HOLDING ON TO YOU MORE AGGRESSIVELY AT THAT TIME,
I SEE
I HOPE YOU WILL AT LEAST BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT MY LOVE FOR YOU WASN'T A LIE
I KNOW
YOU TREATED ME SO GENTLY, ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FEEL UNDESERVED
WE COULDN'T GIVE EACH OTHER WHAT WE WANTED YOU WERE A GIVING MAN AND I WAS A GREEDY LITTLE KID
DON'T GET ME WRONG
THAT MIGHT'VE BEEN THE BEGINNING OF THINGS GOING DOWN, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT ULTIMATELY MADE ME DECIDE TO BREAK UP WITH YOU.
I THINK MY FEELINGS FOR YOU HAD STARTED TO CHANGE LONG BEFORE THAT.


BYE THEN.
YOU PAY FOR THE EXPENSIVE DRINKS. YOU'RE RICH.
I STILL HAVE TO PAY BACK THE BANK LOANS...
O-OKAY
I SOLD THE VILLA YOU GAVE ME AND OPENED A BAR WITH THAT MONEY I'LL AT LEAST NOT CHARGE YOU FOR YOUR COCKTAILS
COME BY MY JOINT WHEN YOU HAVE TIME
I DOUBT YOU CAN EVEN IMAGINE
HOW MUCH I FELT FOR YOU
TAEHYUN!
YOU'RE STILL HOT! ENOUGH TO MAKE 'EM FALL HARD FOR YOU!
I DON'T THINK I CAN LOVE HIM LIKE THE WAY I LOVED YOU IN A PURE AND UNTWISTED AND INNOCENT WAY
NO MATTER WHO IT IS I'M GONNA MEET IN THE FUTURE
PUNK
YOU'RE NOT LEAVING ME ANY ROOM FOR HOPE, HUH
SOUNDS LIKE YOU LIKE HIM QUITE A LOT...
YEAH, I THINK SO...
HE'S HONEST, HE WORKS HARD,
AND HE'S GOT A REALLY NICE PERSONALITY...
HE'S A WHOLE NEW TYPE OF PERSON THAN ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE DATED IN MY LIFE
IT'S SO STRANGE
BUMPING INTO YOU ON THE STREET LIKE THIS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF INQUIRING ABOUT YOU IN VAIN...
FEELING LIKE YOU'RE A STRANGER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO REUNITING WITH YOU, WITH A FOOLISH ILLUSION THAT MAYBE YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR THIS OLD MAN. BUT I SEE THAT I HAD ALREADY BECOME SOMEONE IN YOUR PAST


WHISPER
YOU HAVEN'T HAD DINNER, RIGHT? EAT HERE WITH ME I FOUND A GOOD RESTAURANT
IS IT THAT BAD?
WHAT KINDA MORON DOES THIS CRAPPY JOB AT PUTTING UP A BUILDING?!
FORGET IT! WHO CARES?!
HUUUK
D DON'T WHISPER INTO MY EAR!!
OUT
YOU'RE SENSITIVE IN YOUR EARS, HUH, JOONPYO?
ACK—!! TOLD YOU NOT TO DO THAT!
STOP PRETENDING WHEN YOU LIKE IT.
THIS IS AWKWARD, REALLY
EVEN WITHIN THE COLD ASH, BURNED OUT ASHES THERE'S a little bit of HEAT LEFT
AND THAT HEAT BECOMES A FLAME ONCE AGAIN AND BLAZES UP FIERCELY
JUST LIKE THAT. IT REPEATS ITSELF UNCEASINGLY ETERNALLY
LOVE...
LOVE does
THE END OF "MINDFLOW"

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING, NOT EVEN OPENING THE SHUTTERS YET?
AREN'T YOU GONNA DO ANY BUSINESS TODAY?
YOU THINK OPENING THE BAR IS THE PROBLEM HERE, WHEN THERE'S WATER GUSHING OUT FROM THE KITCHEN WALLS LIKE A FRIGGIN' WATERFALL?
HRN?
HAESOO! WHY ARE YOU SO LATE?
DURING THAT TIME OF MY LIFE, I BELIEVED LOVE THAT'S LIKE FATE WAS THE ONLY THING THAT WAS TRUE.
LOVE THAT ONLY COMES ONCE IN YOUR LIFETIME
I THOUGHT IF YOU MISSED YOUR ONE CHANCE, IT WAS NEVER GOING TO FIND YOU AGAIN
I CALLED HIM 'CAUSE YOU DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE. HE KEPT SCREAMING AT ME, AND--
EEP!!
GODDAMN IT!!
WHY'S HE GETTING ALL TICKED OFF? HE'S SO SCARY. I'M PISSING MY PANTS.
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN TO ME? DIDN'T I SAY THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN SOLVE BY SORT OF WELDING THE PIPES HERE AND THERE?!
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO TALK TO YOUR LANDLORD ABOUT THIS AND GET HIM TO CHECK THE WATER LEAKAGE!